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Ralph Weichselbaum et al.

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For: TREATMENT OF TUMORS WITH  
GENETICALLY ENGINEERED HERPES  
VIRUS

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION OF MARCH 24, 2006**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office communication dated March 24, 2006. This response is timely filed in view of the petition and fee for a one-month extension of time filed herewith.

**Amendments to the Specification:** None.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.